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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey: draft resolution

International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the annex thereto, and 47/166 of 18 December 1992,

Reaffirming its resolution 48/204 of 21 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ which provides information on the status of implementation of resolution 48/204,

Takes note with appreciation of the actions that were undertaken under the United Nations consolidated inter-agency appeals in the field of humanitarian relief, and those within the framework of the regular programme of the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the importance of the overall United Nations humanitarian effort in Croatia,

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Affirming the general importance and need for transformation of the humanitarian relief actions into longer-term development programmes, particularly in areas damaged as a consequence of war,

Recognizing the continuous efforts of the Government of Croatia to create the necessary conditions for post-war reconstruction, in spite of the fact that it still lacks full and unimpeded access to all its resources and that a significant proportion of its population is displaced,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint, within existing resources, a fact-finding expert mission for Croatia to assess the extent of war damage and its consequences for its infrastructure, resources, environment and individuals, and to consider the needs in order to assist the Government of the Republic of Croatia in preparing a programme for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Croatia within its entire territory, and to introduce, if appropriate, an international appeal for its funding;

2. Reaffirms its appeal to all States, regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant bodies to provide cooperation in various forms and special and other assistance, in particular in the most severely affected areas, with a view to facilitating peaceful reintegration through the programme of reconstruction and development;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution.